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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LUANDA DELEGATES TO MPLA CONGRESS

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1. EVENING JULY 19 TWO SELF-PROCLAIMED MPLA DELEGATES TO LUSAKA CONGRESS VISITED CONGEN OFFICER. TWO DELEGATES (REPORTEDLY TOTAL OF THREE FROM LUANDA WILL ATTEND) SAID CONGRESS WOULD OPEN JULY 21 IN LUSAKA AND NETO'S PRESENCE THERE WAS NEITHER CERTAIN NOR IMPOSSIBLE.

2. MAIN POINTS MADE DURING CONVERSATION:

A. NETO MUST BE OUSTED. HIS PROGRAM TOO "RADICAL" (I.E., NATIONALIZATIONS) FOR WESTERN (I.E., U.S.) SUPPORT AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT.

B. MARIO PINTO DE ANDRADE WILL BE REAL HEAD OF MPLA; HIS BROTHER JOAQUIM WILL BE TITULAR HEAD OF MPLA AND REAL LEADER OF BROAD

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FRONT (FRENTE AMPLA) TO BE FORMED WITH ALL FACTIONS, INCLUDING

FNLA.

3. IT WAS CLAIMED BY TWO VISITORS THAT REASONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF NETO BY ANDRADE ARE HISTORICAL, PERSONAL BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, PRACTICAL. THEY CLAIMED NETO'S "EASTWARD-LOOKING" POLICY WAS ADOPTED BY HIM PERSONALLY AND HAD NOT BEEN AGREED TO BY MPLA'S FOUNDERS. ALLEGEDLY HE HAS PROFITTED FINANCIALLY THEREBY. SEEING INDEPENDENCE JUST OVER HORIZON VISITORS FELT MPLA AND ANGOLA CANNOT AFFORD MUMBLING IDEOLOGUE WHO SCARES OFF WESTERN HELP. IDEA OF COMMUNISM OR SOCIALISM ABSURD (THEY SAID) BECAUSE "ANGOLA ISN'T EVEN DECENT FEUDAL ECONOMY. WE HAVE GENERATIONS OF CAPITALISM AHEAD OF US."

4. VISITORS MADE USUAL BUT RATHER PRO FORMA PITCH FOR USG SUPPORT BUT ADDED THEY REALIZED THAT REAL SUPPORT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT INDEPENDENCE. (ALL AGREED STATEMENTS OF MORAL SUPPORT FROM ABROAD REMINDED ONE OF STALIN'S QUIP ABOUT THE POPE'S INFANTRY DIVISIONS.)

5. COMMENT: THE FINE HAND OF MFA (REFTEL) WAS VISIBLE IN THEIR CONVERSION TO ACCEPTANCE OF UNITED FRONT IDEA INCLUDING FNLA. AT ONE POINT ONE LET SLIP (INTENTIONALLY OR OTHERWISE) REMARK INDICATING CINC FRANCO PINHEIRO HIMSELF HAD BEEN MEETING WITH MPLA AND PUSHING FRONT CONCEPT. CONTACTS WERE VERY BELIEVABLE WHEN SAYING NETO MUST LOSE HIS POSITION IN ORDER THAN AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA RECEIVE WESTERN LARGESSE BUT LESS SO WHEN SAYING FNLA WOULD BE WELCOME IN THE FRONT ON FAIR BASIS. ALTHOUGH CONTACTS (LIKE OTHER MPLA ACTIVISTS HERE) HAVE HABIT OF ANALYZING EVERYTHING IN MARXIST TERMS, THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO IN ANY WAY CONFUSE THEIR VERY BOURGEOIS PRIORITIES.
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